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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Paul Huber

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 and 52-73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 and 52-73 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

This application contains claims directed to at least the following twenty-four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Species 1: Fig.'s 5 & 10a, with dichroic spectrum filter;
- Species 2: Fig.'s 5 & 10b, with dichroic spectrum filter;
- Species 3: Fig.'s 5 & 10c, with dichroic spectrum filter;
- Species 4: Fig.'s 5 & 10a, with liquid crystal Notch spectrum filter;
- Species 5: Fig.'s 5 & 10b, with liquid crystal Notch spectrum filter;
- Species 6: Fig.'s 5 & 10c, with liquid crystal Notch spectrum filter;
- Species 7: Fig.'s 5 & 10a, with polarization removable film polarizer;
- Species 8: Fig.'s 5 & 10b, with polarization removable film polarizer;
- Species 9: Fig.'s 5 & 10c, with polarization removable film polarizer;
- Species 10: Fig.'s 5 & 10a, with electrically controlled polarization filter of Pockels cell type;
- Species 11: Fig.'s 5 & 10b, with electrically controlled polarization filter of Pockels cell type;
- Species 12: Fig.'s 5 & 10c, with electrically controlled polarization filter of Pockels cell type;
- Species 13: Fig.'s 9a & 10a;
- Species 14: Fig.'s 9a & 10b;
- Species 15: Fig.'s 9a & 10c;
- Species 16: Fig.'s 9b & 10a;
- Species 17: Fig.'s 9b & 10b;
- Species 18: Fig.'s 9b & 10c;
- Species 19: Fig.'s 9c & 10a;
- Species 20: Fig.'s 9c & 10b;
- Species 21: Fig.'s 9c & 10c;
- Species 22: Fig.'s 9d & 10a;
- Species 23: Fig.'s 9d & 10b;
- Species 24: Fig.'s 9d & 10c.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is considered generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims

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subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

A telephone call was not made to the applicants' representative to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement due to the nature of the application, e.g., numerous species, and the need for the examiner to promptly act on the application.

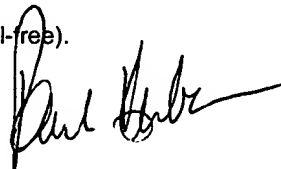
Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Huber whose telephone number is 571-272-7588. The examiner can normally be reached on Compressed Schedule, every Friday off.

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